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ANDROPOV'S SON TO LOSE HIS JOB AS AMBASSADOR TO GREECE
ATHENS, GREECE

Soviet Ambassador Igor Andropov, son of the late Soviet President Yuri Andropov, will be replaced because of rumors of scandal in his private life and the defection of a key Russian operative in Greece, diplomats said Monday.

The Foreign Ministry sources said Andropov, already recalled to Moscow, will be replaced as the chief envoy to Greece by Victor Fyodorovic Stukalin, a government undersecretary.

Andropov was summoned home in June one month after the defection of First Secretary Sergei Bokhan, described as the deputy Athens station chief of GRU, or military intelligence, and Andropov's chief aide.

Bokhan reportedly gave the CIA the names of Greek agents working for the Soviet Union and described intelligence work by the Soviet Union in Greece, which is a key NATO-member, U.S. diplomats said.

"As a result, two Greek civilians and a naval officer have been arrested," the diplomats said.

Rumors that Moscow decided to pull Andropov back to Moscow because of scandals about his private life also have not been denied by the Soviet Embassy or the government spokesman.

When Andropov first arrived in Athens with his wife Tatiana, the couple became the focus of social columnists. Andropov, 44, who unlike his predecessor Vladimir Kaboshkin wore Western-style suits and spoke foreign languages, was the unchallenged "star of the Athens diplomatic corps."

His wife, an attractive, blue-eyed blonde, captured the hearts of women's fashion magazine editors, was the guest at many fashion shows and wore trendy fashion wear.

Andropov was named ambassador to Greece eight months after the death of his father in February 1984. His appointment came at a time when Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou's government was sharply attacking U.S. foreign policy and wooing the Soviet Union.

A history graduate from Moscow University, the younger Andropov had worked from 1970-74 at the prestigious Institute for U.S.-Canadian Studies at the Academy of Sciences.

Andropov was a member of the Soviet delegation to the Madrid Conference on European Security in 1984 and was the No. 2 man in the delegation, which met in Stockholm. He hurriedly left the Stockholm talks last Feb. 7 to be by his ailing father's bedside.